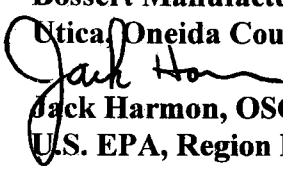


**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT**

I. HEADING

Date: May 18, 1998

Subject: Bossert Manufacturing Site
Utica, Oneida County, New York

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II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	S7
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-010
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	NYD002249563
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved on 9/26/97
Start Date:	9/30/97
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A



III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Removal Actions to Date

4/20/98 - 5/15/98: ERRS continued to decontaminate scrap metal with a high temperature pressure washer. Clean scrap metal was placed into roll-off dumpsters for salvaging. During this reporting period, two roll-off dumpster of scrap metal was shipped off site for salvaging to recover funds which will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling. See VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL for an updated table of scrap metal salvaged and funds recovered.

ERRS concentrated their efforts on conducting a final sweeping of the trimmer room and collecting wipe samples to ascertain residual PCB contamination.

On May 7, two roll-off boxes of PCB contaminated debris totalling 50 cubic yards were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, 65 roll-off boxes of with a combined volume of 1,670 cubic yards have been shipped off the site.

On May 14, one truckload of PCB contaminated kiln dust and carbon powder weighing approximately 23 tons was transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, eighteen truckloads with a combined weight of approximately 430 tons have been shipped off the site.

5/11/98 - 5/15/98: The ERRS contractor initiated the next phase of the removal action i.e., off-site disposal of ACM debris from a collapsed area off Oswego Street. A total of six roll-off boxes were loaded and shipped off-site. The City of Utica's Engineering Office assisted in securing the necessary permit.

2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

B. Planned Removal Actions

ERRS will continue transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder on a as need basis. ERRS will also continue fine sweep/clean the Trimmer Room floor and Press Room and conduct structural repairs as necessary. Also, scrap metal will continue to be decontaminated using a high temperature pressure washer.

C. Key Issues

N/A

V. COST INFORMATION AS OF MAY 15, 1998 *

ERRS Contractor	\$	2,993,605
START Contractor Costs		176,397
Intramural Costs		294,253
USCG-AST		<u>3,811</u>
TOTAL	\$	3,468,066
Project Ceiling	\$	5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining		57.9%

- * The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Wastestream	Medium	Quantity	Containment-Migration Control	Treatment	Disposal
PCB (UN3077)	Debris	1,670 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
PCB (UN2315)	Kiln dust & spent carbon	~ 430 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY

VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

Material	Quantity	Funds Recovered
Scrap Metal	136.5 tons	\$ 8,680.05

- * This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.